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RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is in response to the First Office Action (Paper No. 4) dated July 30, 2001. Please enter the following amendment and remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Replace the first full paragraph on page 26 of the specification with the following amended paragraph:

By using the diesel fuel compositions of the present invention in a compression ignition engine, the level of the pollutants NO_x and particulate matter is reduced. Accordingly, emissions levels of NO_x below 0.5g/Km and particulate matter below 0.05g/Km may be attained. These values/levels are significantly lower than that for comparable fuels in which the aromatic content split (i.e., the total aromatics to PNA ratio) falls outside the ranges of the present invention as shown in the examples below.